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POINTE COUPEE PARISH RECEIVES FEDERAL FUNDING FOR WATER SYSTEM AND SEWAGE DISTRICT PROJECTS Over \$7.3 Million in Funding Presented by USDA Rural Development

NEW ROADS, April 24, 2009 – Earth Day is celebrated around the world as a day to promote awareness of environmental issues. Today, USDA officials traveled to Pointe Coupee Parish to recognize Earth Day by announcing over \$7.3 million in funding for two key environmental projects:

- Waterworks District #2 of Pointe Coupee Parish
\$2,050,000 Loan and \$625,000 Grant
Water system improvements
- Pointe Coupee Parish Sewage District No. 1
\$2,842,000 Loan and \$1,808,000 Grant
Sewer system expansion

“Hundreds of Pointe Coupee Parish residents will benefit from these two projects,” said Richard Hoffpauir, USDA Rural Development Community Programs Director. “Clean, safe drinking water and safe, sanitary sewage disposal ensures a decent quality of life—and promotes community development and economic growth.”

USDA Rural Development provides a full range of rural development credit services in rural Louisiana. Louisiana’s Rural Development State Office is located at 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302, telephone (318) 473-7921. There are four area offices located throughout the state to serve Louisiana residents. Further information on USDA Rural Development’s loan and grant programs may be obtained by visiting Rural Development’s web site at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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